

NORTH CAROLINA AFFAIRS

The News of Old North State Gathered and Put in Condensed Form.

Farmers Alliance.

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Farmers' Alliance will be held at Hillsboro next Tuesday and Wednesday. Reports of officers will show a good year's work and progress along all lines.

In a letter to the Progressive Farmer, referring to the approaching State meeting, Mr. George F. Parrott, of Winston, president of the organization, says:

"With no little pleasure we look forward to next Tuesday, August 13th, the annual meeting day for the State Alliance. We hope that every county in which there is an organization will be fully represented and that each delegate will have something to suggest for the good of the order and for the good of mankind.

"No well informed man who has the proper regard for truth will declare that the Alliance stands for anything other than for the scattering of peace and prosperity all over this land of ours. Our purpose is to build up, not to destroy; we antagonize poverty and strife among men; nothing more.

"Our meeting will be a very important one. We will probably discuss with a view to some action the buying of wrapping for our next cotton crop; also the marketing of our cotton as well as the attitude of the American Tobacco Company toward cultivation of tobacco.

"Let delegates at their leisure note just what suggestions they wish to offer, also any specific matter which they are instructed by their County Alliance to bring before the State meeting.

"Again let me urge delegates to be on hand, and should anything occur so that the principal cannot attend, then let your alternate know in time for him to report at headquarters at Hillsboro at 12:00 M. on August 13th."

Broke Boys Head.

Wadesboro, Special.—Julius the 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Pinson, was kicked in the forehead by a horse Saturday afternoon. The little fellow in company with one of Mr. P. T. Rhyme's sons was playing in the lot near the horses when one of them suddenly became vicious and kicked the children. The other boy was hurt, but Julius received very serious injuries. His nose was broken and his skull fractured by the blow. While he is in a very critical condition, unless some complications set in, he will recover. Dr. Bennett dressed his wounds.

Pardons Granted and Refused.

Raleigh, Special.—Governor Glenn last week granted pardons of three who had made application and refused the application of six, among these six being two negroes who are under sentence of death. These negroes are Will Banks, of Ashe county, and James Rucker, of Buncombe county and the date set for their hanging is the twentieth of August. Rucker's crime was the atrocious one of rape upon his six-year-old step-daughter, while Banks had deliberately killed another negro. The Governor sets out his reasons for the pardons granted and those refused.

Street Railway Franchise.

Salisbury, Special.—The Board of Aldermen have granted a franchise to the Piedmont Carolina Railway Company, a Salisbury organization to operate a belt line railway starting at Newton Heights, in Seaneer, thence through East Spencer and up Low street to Inniss street in this city, thence through Inniss street to the western outskirts of the city, terminating at the new fair grounds.

Will Double Population.

Duke, Special.—It is said that the Dukes are to erect another mammoth mill at this place. This place exclusively a factory village, has now a population of about 3,000, the largest population of any town in Harnett county, and the new factory will almost double this population.

Bitten By a Copperhead.

New Bern, Special.—The three-year-old child, a little boy, of Mr. Morrison Rowe, who lives nine miles from New Bern in the second township, was bitten by a snake Sunday morning. The snake was what is locally known as a copper head moccasin, and is one of the most dreaded and poisonous reptiles in this section. Dr. Caton rendered medical aid, and the tender age of the child made the case very serious and its condition was considered critical at last accounts.

New Court House Plans.

Salisbury, Special.—A movement is on foot looking to the erection of a new court house for Rowan county to take the place of the old one which has been in constant use for nearly half a century. Plans for a handsome structure have been submitted to the County Commissioners, who are considering the expenditure of \$50,000 to provide a suitable temple of justice for this county.

Awful Double Tragedy.

Asheville, Special.—A terrible tragedy was enacted here Wednesday morning shortly after 10 o'clock, when Robert Murdock, a white man 45 years of age, with a wife and several children, shot to death Mrs. Laura Ray, proprietress of the "Success Inn," a large boarding house of this city, and then turned the weapon on himself and sent three bullets into his heart. The only motive that can be assigned for the murderer's fearful act was a debt due him by Mrs. Ray and temporary insanity from the effects of drink. The double tragedy was committed in Mrs. Ray's room in the Success Inn. Murdock fired eight shots in all, taking time after sending four bullets into Mrs. Ray to break the pistol, reload and fire four additional shots, three of which went into the madman's own body. The wounds made by the three shots that Murdock fired at himself could almost be covered by a postage stamp Mrs. Ray was shot twice through the arm and three times through the body. The attending physician stated that Mrs. Murdock widow of the murderer and suicide was in a very serious condition as a result of shock incident to the horrible affair.

Shot Wife in Cold Blood.

Selma, Special.—Ransom Godwin a well-to-do white farmer, 65 years old at his home five miles west of Kenly a small and remote place in Johnston County, shot and killed his wife without any real cause for the deed, so those who know the family say. She was his third wife he having married her about four years ago. From the union two children survive their mother. Mrs. Godwin was 35 years of age. Shortly after the marriage of the couple the husband began to drink and kept it up till his treatment of his wife became extremely cruel. Tuesday night he came home drunk and beat Mrs. Godwin with a stick till she was nearly unconscious Wednesday night he came home again in the same condition. When he reached the house he called his wife to come to the door and just as she stepped into the light where he could get a plain view of her he shot her down in cold blood.

Decide for Pilots.

Wilmington, Special.—Judge J. Crawford Biggs, who presided at the late term of New Hanover Superior court, and who, the past week, heard the suit to test the constitutionality of the compulsory pilotage law, applying to the Cape Fear bar, which law was recently passed by the General Assembly after a fight on the floor of both houses, on Saturday rendered his decision, holding the law constitutional and valid. This decision of course is in favor of the pilots and will be appealed to the Supreme court of the State, and perhaps later to the Supreme Court of the United States. The findings of Judge Biggs are brief and are written after mature deliberation, knowing that in either event they would be reviewed by the highest court in the land. On every point the law is construed in favor of the pilots.

Money in Old Shoe.

Salisbury, Special.—While tearing down an old log house on the lands recently purchased by Mr. L. A. Cline the St. Paul neighborhood, three miles from this city, workmen found \$60 hid in a child's shoe underneath the large hearthstone. There were six ten dollar bills. How long the money had been there no one knows. The house is known to have been built more than sixty years ago.

Charters Granted.

The following charters have been issued:

The First Congregational Church Company, at Mount Pleasant, is also granted a charter.

The F. W. Hunt Contracting Company, of Asheville, to do general contracting for railroad construction, capital stock \$20,000.

Ford and Johnson Company, High Point, furniture; authorized capital, \$25,000, with \$10,000 paid in; Stephen O'Donnell, Carl A. Cline, J. W. McDonald, incorporators.

Bridgeport Lumber Company, Craven county, capital \$50,000 authorized, with \$10,000 paid in; A. P. Bunting, H. M. Bunting and some Norfolk parties, incorporators.

The Salisbury German Coach-Horse Company to breed, buy and sell live stock; capital stock \$10,000; G. A. Fisher and others.

Superintendent of County Schools Chosen.

Oxford, Special.—At a meeting of the county board of education Tuesday Mr. J. F. Webb was elected superintendent of the county schools to succeed Prof. Robert Kittrell. Mr. Webb graduated at the University of North Carolina and has held the position of principal of the Salisbury graded school and superintendent of Gibsonville graded school.

TELEGRAPHERS' STRIKE GROWS

Officers of Telegraphers' Union Are Planning to Carry Strike to All Parts of United States and Canada—Some 4,000 Men Are Now Out in 50 Cities From Ohio to California

Chicago, Special.—With some 4,000 telegraphers on strike in about 50 cities from Ohio to California, and encouraged by their success in hampering telegraph facilities of both commercial telegraph companies in Chicago, where all but leased wire men are out, officers of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union are planning to carry the strike to all parts of the United States and Canada.

Instructions were telegraphed by National Secretary Russell to union telegraphers in New York and other cities, where they are still at work, to "save their money and await orders."

A telegram was sent to President Small, of the Telegraphers' Union who is in San Francisco, urging him to take the first train to Chicago to look after the situation as it is the announced intention of the men to engineer the strike from Chicago.

The telegraph companies are preparing to meet the issue, and declare that they will fight to a finish. They declare they have been temporizing with the union for months and that they will hold no further negotiations with the representatives of the men on strike. Cots have been installed in the buildings of both companies in Chicago for the accommodation of strike-breakers and other preparations for a bitter struggle are making.

Cities Affected by Strike.

According to information received in Chicago Saturday night the points already affected outside of Chicago and the total of strikers are:

Chicago—Western Union 1,150; Postal, 500.

Houston—Western Union, 30; Postal, 10.

Kansas City—Western Union, 330; Postal, 70.

Topeka—Western Union, 8; Postal, 5.

Oklahoma City—Western Union, 10; Postal, 10.

Pueblo—Western Union, 8; Postal, 10.

New Orleans—Western Union, 100; Postal, 60.

Nashville—Western Union, 75; Postal, 10.

Memphis—Western Union, 60; Postal, 50.

Dallas—Western Union, 105; Postal, 40.

Meridian—Western Union, 10; Postal, 10.

Jackson, Miss.—Western Union, 15; Postal, 10.

Minneapolis—Western Union, 30; Postal, 10.

Milwaukee—Western Union, 30; Postal, 15.

St. Louis—Western Union, 300; Postal, 100.

Helena, Mont.—Western Union, 40; Postal, 10.

Colorado Springs—Western Union, 10; Postal, 10.

Denver—Western Union, 75; Postal, 10.

Fort Worth, Tex.—Western Union, 40; Postal, 10.

El Paso—Western Union, 35; Postal, 10.

St. Paul—Western Union, 100; Postal, 10.

Los Angeles—Western Union, 50; Postal, 10.

Fargo—Western Union, 10; Postal, 10.

Omaha—Western Union, 60; Postal, 25.

Sioux City—Western Union, 25; Postal, 10.

Knoxville—Western Union, 55; Postal, 10.

Birmingham—Western Union, 35; Postal, 65.

Jackson, Miss.—Western Union, 10; Postal, 5.

Augusta—Western Union, 10; Postal, 25.

"We are filling vacancies as rapidly as possible," said T. P. Cook, general superintendent of the Western Union and we are in better position than we expected to be. We will not deal with any representatives of the strikers, as this company only treats with its own employees. When the men quit work, they ceased to be employees of the Western Union and our relations with them are at an end. There will be no union recognition."

"Will you let President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, should he come to Chicago and offer his services?" Mr. Cook was asked.

"We will not," was the emphatic answer.

W. I. Capen, superintendent of the Postal Telegraph Company in Chicago, said his company was making better progress than he had anticipated.

"A number of our employees have already returned to work," he declared and others have signified their intention of returning."

National Secretary Russell, of the Telegraphers' Union, said:

"We are highly pleased with the situation, and no matter what sort of assertions the telegraph officers may make, the fact remains, they are not doing any business. They have a few chiefs and inexperienced telegraphers at work, but as far as the company's being able to handle the public business is concerned, they are merely trying to mislead the public. We know for an actual fact in Chicago there are not 50 operators who are working for the commercial companies, where under normal conditions the number amounts to 1,550. We are in this fight to stay, and we must have recognition, or our union might as well go out of business."

The developments Sunday in the great strike of the telegraphers were not such as to warrant optimism. Practically all union commercial operators are now out, and all the large cities are crippled. The special wire men and the press operators are preparing to join in the walkout, and the tie up will likely be complete. Nothing seems to point to any settlement.

PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL FUNDS

New High School Law Going Into Force in the Several Counties.

Raleigh, Special.—The State board of education has appropriated about \$22,000 of the \$45,000 set apart by the last Legislature for high schools in the various counties under the new system, now being inaugurated. The law gives \$500 to a county with the one representative, \$750 to one with two and \$1,000 to one with three. The apportionment is made by the board of the counties which have complied with the law and the requirements. The following counties each get an allowance for one school: Alamance, Anderson, Beaufort, Currituck, Duplin, Durham, Granville, Jackson, McDowell, Onslow, Person, Richmond, Scotland, Sampson, Surry, Swain, Union, Wilkes, Yadkin. The following get allowances for two schools: Chowan, Cabarrus, Catawba, Cleveland, Caldwell, Davie, Guilford, Harnett, Lincoln, Macon, Martin, Nash, Pender, Pitt, Transylvania, Vance, Warren, Washington, Wilson. The following get three schools: Cumberland, Forsyth, Rockingham, Rowan and Gaston. The counties of Robeson and Wake gets four each. Wake gets the largest allowance, \$1,000. There were no applications from Mecklenburg and New Hanover.

The State board of education grant 27 five-year certificates in various sections of the State and within the next few days will grant certificates to the teachers in the new high schools.

A Timber Road.

Raleigh, Special.—In an interview with Mr. William Moncre, so well known in railway circles and particularly for the last few years as a builder of roads, he said that Henry E. Lichford, of Raleigh; John G. Shaw of Rockingham; D. E. McVey and C. L. Chisholm of Sanford; himself and others are now arranging to build the Bladen & Northern Railway from Stedman on the Atlantic Coast Line a distance of 20 miles. He says that it is to be a road to get at timber and that it will reach what is perhaps the finest body of standing pines now in North Carolina—about 200,000,000 feet of which this company owns 50,000,000. Much of it is long-leaf and considerable of it is short-leaf. The road is to be 20 miles long and work will be in progress within 60 days from this date. The road will be standard gauge and will handle passengers.

Pinned Beneath Locomotive.

New York, Special.—Pinned beneath a locomotive, Charles S. Hudley, a brakeman on the New York New Haven & Hartford Railroad suffered the amputation of a leg before he could be extricated from under the engine, which had run over him in the railroad yards in the Bronx. The operation was performed by an ambulance surgeon without the use of anaesthetics and frequently Hudley gave suggestions to the surgeons during the operation. It is said he may recover.

Big Canning Output.

Mount Airy, Special.—Some 25 hands are now busy at the Mount Airy Canning Factory, putting up canned tomatoes. It is learned that at least 50,000 cans of tomatoes will be put up this season by this company. This is a large output for the first year, and serves to show what can be accomplished by the people of any North Carolina town if they but exert themselves a little.

Bitten By a Spider.

Greenville, Special.—Bitten by a large black spider early Friday morning Tilden Batson a laundryman of this city, was stricken terribly ill. Two physicians were summoned before the man got relief from his sufferings.

A New Industry.

Greensboro, Special.—The Acme Match Company, with authorized capital of \$100,000 and \$20,000 subscribed has been chartered to manufacture matches here. A site for the factory has been selected near the city limits and work will begin within 30 days. The incorporators are all from Winston-Salem and are J. Palmer, president; Gus Palmer, vice president; L. A. Wade, secretary-treasurer.

Sprucing up Spoke Factory.

Lynnvile, Special.—Extensive new and up-to-date improvements have just been completed at the Yokel spoke and handle factory, several miles west of this place. A huge mill was put in. A rim strip mill was added in addition to other modern improvements. The concern is run in connection with a large factory at Munsey, Ind. It has a huge capacity and is a great industry for the Yokel section, and furnishes employment for many hands.

DREADNAUGHT OUTCLASSSED

England Building Largest War Vessel Ever Planned

UNITED STATES TO BETTER THAT

Washington Naval Circles Excited Over Report That Keel is About to be Laid Down New Ship to Be of No Less Than 30,000 Tons Displacement, and Design is Believed to Include Many Novelties, Including Assembling of Three Guns in Each Turret.

Washington, Special.—Naval circles are agitated over a report which reaches Washington that the British admiralty is about to lay down the keel for a giant ship that will be 50 per cent greater in tonnage than the redoubtable "Dreadnought." It is difficult to secure any information respecting the plans for this ship, and it is said that the British government is again proceeding, as it did in the case of the Dreadnought, to build the vessel behind closed gates. Eventually, of course, the man characteristics of war vessels built under these conditions become known, but the British government feels that it is amply repaid for the trouble it takes to build the ship secretly, by the fact that the British navy is thereby kept at least two years ahead of any other navy in point of design, a most valuable consideration in these days, when a battleship is frequently obsolete in the course of five years after going into commission.

It is understood that the new ship is to be of no less than 30,000 tons displacement, against 20,000 tons of the Dreadnought, but aside from the mere matter of superior size, the design is believed to include many novelties some based on the experience of the Dreadnought. Such a one, for instance, is understood to be the contemplated assembling of three guns in each turret, so that if the new ship is equalled with the six turrets, she will carry no less than 18 guns in her main battery. The calibre of the guns, however, will, it is believed, remain at 12 inches, the present standard.

The report of the British plan has caused some of the bolder designers to proceed to greater length and to propose the laying down of a battleship of 40,000 tons displacement, placing the American navy clearly in the lead. Naval designers are believed to be willing to undertake the construction of such a ship. It would cost no less than \$20,000,000, but in view of the preeminence it would give to America as a naval power it is argued by the advocates of the proposition that such a ship would be an economical investment by tending to ensure peace.

100 Additional Union Mechanics Join Building Trades Strike.

Washington, Special.—Acting on orders from the executive officers of their unions 100 more union mechanics joined the building trades strike here Saturday. According to the labor leaders every building under construction, where non-union mechanics were employed, is now tied up and nearly 300 men have quit work. The employers' association claims that that it has been able to fill the places of all the strikers with the exception of bricklayers. The union men declare that the strike will be extended next Monday.

Lumber Company to Build Railroad.

Mount Sterling, Ky., Special.—Clearfield Lumber Company, of Clearfield, Pa., closed a deal for 30,000 acres of Walnut, oak and poplar timber lands in Morgan county for \$100,000. It is announced that the company will extend a line of railroad 18 miles up Rush branch and will spend \$1,000,000 in improvements.

Officers Raid Counterfeiter's Den.

Uniontown, Pa., Special.—In a raid on an alleged counterfeiter's den at Smithfield, several men were arrested a large number of moulds captured and a big quantity of spurious coins found concealed about the place. The men were all foreigners. It is claimed that the plant has been in operation several weeks, as the neighborhood is still in the hunt for the counterfeit money. The authorities have been on a still hunt for the counterfeiters for some time and believe all implicated have been captured.

Martin A. Knapp Weds Miss Nellie Maynard Gardner.

New York, Special.—Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the inter-State commerce commission and Mrs. Nellie Maynard Gardner, daughter of the late George L. Maynard, of Syracuse, were married at the Hotel Manhattan, in this city in the presence of a few family friends by Bishop Edward C. Andrews, of the Methodist Church.

BANKERS' FLYER KILLS FOUR

Crowd of Summer Residents Witness Tragedy at Allenhurst, N. J.

Mangled Bodies Tossed Into Fashionable Platform Crowd—No Safety Gates at Scene.

Allenhurst, N. J.—Three girls and a man, hurled from a brougham by the impact of the "Bankers' Special," running sixty miles an hour, were instantly killed near the Allenhurst station of the Pennsylvania Railroad, at dusk. Two hundred society women of that exclusive resort watched the tragedy from the depot platform, and either fainted or ran away screaming in horror. The dead are: Thomas Edwards, aged thirty, of Allenhurst; employed as driver by the Norwood Hotel.

Loretta Grace, aged twenty, of New York.

Jennie McDonald, aged twenty-one, of New York.

Hannah Murphy, aged twenty, of New York.

Hurrying on their way from their homes in New York to serve at a banquet in the Norwood, the three girls were being driven by Edwards to the hotel. As he reached the railroad crossing the driver, already half an hour late, pulled up impatiently when an empty excursion train passed.

There was no gate and only a flagman to give warning, and as the last coach swept past Edwards whipped up his team and started to gallop over the tracks.

The "Bankers' Special," carrying a hundred Wall Street men from New York to their summer homes, dashed out of the darkness, and the locomotive hit the carriage before one of its occupants could jump.

The carriage was crushed to splinters and the horse, flung fifty yards by the cow-catcher, fell dead in a field.

The three girls were hurled twenty feet straight up into the air and fell, instantly killed and mangled, within a stone's throw of the horrified women on the depot platform.

Edwards was shot from his shattered seat and struck with a fearful thud against the side of the flagman's shanty near the track. Every bone in his body was broken.

When the train had been stopped in front of the station many of the Wall Street men hurried off to find their wives or daughters fainting or shrieking in hysterics. Others rushed back in the hope that at least one of the victims had escaped instant death.

Ambulance doctors said death had been instantaneous in every case, and the bodies were picked up almost unrecognizable, and carried to undertakers' shops.

As a result of the frightful accident, the banquet at the Norwood was abandoned. Many of the hotel guests combined in a subscription to buy flowers, and if need be, caskets, for the victims.

4 DEAD; 25 HURT IN WRECK.

Pennsylvania Train Hits Coal Gondola and Cars Are Crushed.

Pittsburg.—Four persons were killed and twenty-five injured in a railroad wreck on the Buffalo & Allegheny Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Kelly, thirty-five miles from this city. The wrecked train was the Titusville Express. At 11:30 a. m. while passing through Kelly, the train was side-swiped by a gondola coal car, and the engine, tender, baggage and express cars, with the three day coaches, were derailed. The dead are:

George Cockran, of Rimesburg, Penn.

Mrs. Alonzo Huff and male infant, of Johnstown, Penn.

M. B. Irwin, of Oakmont, Penn., engineer of the passenger train.

Two Brooklyn Girls and a Youth Lose Their Lives at Newton, N. Y.

Newton, N. Y.—Miss Harriet Stinkard, sixteen years old; Miss Helen Bleemer, eighteen, both of Brooklyn, and James Johnson, twenty-one, of Jersey City, were drowned in Hunt's Pond, while bathing.

None of the three could swim. They had been splashing about on a raft, which was moored near the shore, and were later seen wading about, the young man between the two girls. Suddenly one of the girls screamed and the three were seen to sink.

None of those who were near them could swim. All they could do was to watch the battle for life. The young women grasped Johnson tightly about the neck, and all three sank.

G. W. DELAMATER A SUICIDE.

Defeated Candidate For Governor of Pennsylvania Ends Life.

Pittsburg.—After taking his life insurance policies from the safe and stacking them on a desk George Wallace Delamater, formerly State Senator and a defeated Republican candidate for Governor, put a revolver to his head and shot himself dead.

Friends of the family ascribe the act to grief caused by the death of his father, George B. Delamater, and his son, James, within the last two months. His son-in-law, Shirley P. Austin, admitted that business reverses added to the motive for suicide. He was born in 1849.

Longworth Tired of Philipines.

Representative Nicholas Longworth, in a speech made at the Commercial Club's luncheon in Honolulu, said he hoped that the Philipines "would not long be with us." In the meantime, free trade with the Philipines would be a square deal and free sugar would not injure Hawaii.

Commissioner Hertle Suspended. Acting Mayor McGowan, of New York City, suspended John C. Hertle, Commissioner of Accounts, pending trial on a graft charge.